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Mr. Percival F. Brundage
 Director
 Bureau of the Budget
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brundage:

With a reduction in appropriations for this fiscal year of approximately five billion dollars from the budget submitted by the President to Congress last January, it is likely that you will be revising all of the fiscal operations of the government. This will be necessary to revise various activities and programs in accordance with the funds made available by the Congress.

Although I am a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have found it extremely difficult to ascertain any specific information concerning the operating funds and personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency. In the past this Agency has operated under an incredible aura of self-regulation in such extreme classified operations that virtually no "justification" or other information has been made available to the Appropriations Committee or the Congress generally. In the past there has been some justification for throwing a mantle of secrecy over the operations of CIA, primarily because of the nature of its work. However, with the construction of the new office building to house personnel, it has now become obvious that many of its so-called classified operations will be exposed to the same extent as the operations of other federal agencies.

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I sincerely hope that the Bureau of the Budget will include the CIA in the scope of revised financial operations in this fiscal year. I am requesting the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee to assign an investigator to get all available information related to the budget and personnel of CIA. I suggest also that you give careful screening to the operations of this agency in an effort to apply some reduction in its budget so that it will be operating in conformity with other agencies. I shall appreciate your cooperation, as I intend during the next session of the Congress to make a thorough check-up of the operations of CIA for the purpose of having greater economy and efficiency commensurate with the general trend throughout the executive department.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry Dvorshak

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